

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jackson Andrews on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Andrews is one such noteworthy person, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in his position as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Tennessee Aquarium, Mr. Andrews will soon be taking his well-earned retirement, having served the aquarium with distinction throughout his thirty-two-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Andrews began his career at the Tennessee Aquarium in January 1991, helping to build world-class habitats for the animals in the aquarium's care, beginning with the opening of River Journey in 1992 and continuing with the 2005 addition of the Ocean Journey building; and

WHEREAS, over the course of more than three decades, Mr. Andrews has assembled a team of talented animal care experts, many of whom have also established long and illustrious records of service with the Tennessee Aquarium; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Andrews's laser-like focus on providing an excellent guest experience is renowned nationally and internationally, and his guidance has helped build and cement the Tennessee Aquarium's reputation as a world-class, conservation-based organization; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Mr. Andrews has served on the board of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), demonstrating leadership and advocacy of the highest standards for all accredited zoos and aquariums; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the AZA's accreditation commission, making countless inspection trips to other zoos and aquariums, ensuring that best practices for overall operations were being followed, and working to shape accreditation standards to match advancements in the science of animal care; and

WHEREAS, as an active and important member of his profession, Jackson Andrews has served as a mentor and trainer and shared professional expertise with other zoos and aquariums worldwide that were applying for AZA accreditation, and he twice served on the AZA ethics board, which seeks to uphold the integrity and professional standards of the AZA and its institutional and individual members; and

WHEREAS, he has also contributed his time and abundant talents to serving on the board of Species360, a global leader in wildlife care and conservation, helping to address the most urgent wildlife issues, including best practices in husbandry, enrichment, medical care, and population management; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Andrews exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable thirty-two-year career, Mr. Andrews has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and positively impacting not only the twenty-six million guests who have visited the Tennessee Aquarium but also communities well beyond the bounds of Chattanooga; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Jackson Andrews our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service with the Tennessee Aquarium and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.